THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have informed that no proposal for concurrence of Gundia Hydro Electric Project in Hassan District of Karnataka is pending with them for approval. However, CEA have also informed that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Gundia Hydro Electric Project (2 x 200 MW), located in Hassan and Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka was submitted by Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. (KPCL) to CEA in July, 2006 for concurrence. In the absence of essential inputs/clearances, the DPR could not be processed for concurrence and was returned to KPCL by CEA on 11.08.2006. An Addendum to the DPR was submitted by KPCL in October, 2007 which had major changes from the original DPR. KPCL envisaged development of the project in two Phases; KPCL also changed the type of Turbine from Francis to Pelton wheel. Some of the Geological investigations were also not carried out by KPCL. Due to non-resolution of various issues, the DPR was again returned to KPCL on 17.01.2008 with the request that revised DPR may be submitted to CEA after carrying out the requisite Geological investigations and incorporating the necessary changes and resolution of various outstanding issues.

Kutir Jyoti Programme

1033. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural BPL households given free electricity connections, as per the norms of Kutir Jyoti Programme; and

(b) how much grant was allocated by Government for this scheme during the last two financial years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Kutir Jyoti Programme has been subsumed under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), which was launched in April, 2005. Since then, 2027525 connections have been provided to BPL households as per norms of Kutir Jyoti Programme.

(b) During the financial year 2005-06 Rs. 562.16 crore and during the financial year 2006-07 Rs. 3381.13 crore were disbursed to States under RGGVY.

Allocation of power to gujarat

1034. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has reduced the unallocated quota of power by 210 MW in February, 2006 from the Central Generating Stations in Gujarat and restored only 55 MW in 2007;

(b) if so, whether the Gujarat Government has represented for restoration of the remaining quota of 155 MW; and